



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: BINGHAM CREEK HATCHERY IMPROVEMENTS

Description of Proposal: The proposed project at Bingham Creek Hatchery consists of two primary elements:

1. Demolition of and replacement of five (5) rearing ponds. Existing ponds are 20' X 80", proposed ponds 10' X 100' within the existing ponds footprint. The existing ponds are cracking and are at the end of their life cycle.
2. Pipeline replacement of hatchery water supply from Bingham Creek. Project replaces approximately 3,050 linear feet of 24 inch concrete pipe with 24 inch solid wall fuse weld HDPE Pipe within the existing pipeline footprint. The existing concrete pipeline is nearing the end of its life cycle.

All proposed project work for both elements will be completed outside the OHW.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: W. 3914 Fish Hatchery Rd., Elma, Washington, 98514, Mason County; Section 02, Township 19 North, Range 06 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **October 26, 2012**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: October 11, 2012

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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